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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Hospital Corporation was held on Tuesday, February 18th. Yearly reports of Officers and Department Heads were read, and these will soon be printed in the Annual Report. Mr. Howard D. Brewer, who has served faithfully for fifteen years as President of the Corporation resigned. The Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President .....Ernest G. Howes
Vice President .....Alfred H. Avery
Vice President .....Howard D. Brewer
Treasurer .....Francis W. Capper
Clerk .....Vincent P. Clarke

CONVENTION SPEAKER

The annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes was held in Chicago during the second week in February. One of the prominent speakers was our own Dr. Cook, who addressed the Convention on "Personnel Efficiency."

RED CROSS

Red Cross Fund Time is here again, and soon your contribution will be solicited. The Red Cross is still active on every front and needs the support of all. Let's have a 100% enrollment. Miss Whitney and her Volunteers will be in charge of the campaign and deserve your support.

COMMUNITY FUND DEDUCTIONS

The first deduction for Community Fund pledges was made on your March 5th payroll checks. To speed payroll work, all pledges have been placed in one of two classes: those taken out in one sum, or those taken out in four equal installments. Your pledge has been placed in the category nearest to your original instructions.

PERSONNEL BOOKLET

"Glad To See You," the new booklet to be distributed to all employees of the hospital, is now being printed and will soon be given us by the Personnel Director.

WE — THE EMPLOYEES

The Administration Offices — like all other departments — had many absences due to illness. From Dr. Cook down through the office workers, almost every one succumbed to some form of the grippe. The worst of the epidemic seems to be over and we are glad to see full offices once more.

Returning from a speaking engagement in Portland, Maine, Mr. Morrill, our Field Representative, was involved in an automobile accident and was quite badly injured, requiring hospitalization in the Deaconess Unit for two weeks. We are glad, indeed, that he is gaining in strength and that his genial personality is with us once again.

Mrs. Hazel Alcott, the friendly cashier in the Palmer Unit, left us on March 5th. She plans to be very busy enjoying home life and her new role of "Grandma." We hope you will be very happy, Hazel, but are glad that you plan to do some part-time work for us so that we will not lose all touch with you.

Betty Terkelsen, our Office Manager, is enjoying a well-earned vacation in California. She is visiting friends in Los Angeles and plans to see as many of the sights and cities of California as possible during her three weeks' stay.

We are glad to welcome Roberta Wilson, our new cashier, who comes from Kansas to New England.

We were horrified on February 19th to learn of a taxi smash-up in which the taxi passenger was Beth Paige, former Secretary to the Administrator. She was brought to Deaconess where, in spite of many injuries, she showed remarkable progress and was discharged much sooner than we had dared expect. Orchids to you, Beth, for an example of how to keep one's chin up and grin at fate. May your return to complete health be speedy — you have surely earned it.

Letters tell us that Dot and Hilary Welborne spent a pre-lenten week in New Orleans, attending the Mardi Gras and had "a wonderful time."

Greta Shand, Secretary to Mr. Lowry, spent the holiday week in New York and Montreal.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Marguerite Kehoe, Cashier's Office, in the recent loss of her father.

Dietary

"Greek Meets Greek." We recently had, as a patient in the hospital, a Greek boy who is one of a group sent by the Government of Greece to study at the Perkins Institution for the Blind. His morale was very much improved when George Makrokanis, our Palmer Cook, called on him and talked to him in his own language.

Congratulations to Maude McClarty, who is a great-grandmother. Maude serves us behind the counter at the Pay Cafeteria.

Life doesn't seem quite the same in the Dining Room without Mrs. Warner, our motherly hostess, who is a patient on Baker 3. We hope she will soon be well and back in the Dining Room with her customary pep.

Miss Janet Spillman resigned her position in the Baker Building on February 2nd to go on an extended tour to California with Miss Nancy Perkins. They expect to arrive eventually in California and plan to see Dot Bailey Welborne as they pass through Louisiana.

Mrs. Shirley Clark of Nebraska is to be the new Therapeutic Dietitian in the Baker Building; while Miss Eleanor Monahan, who comes to us from Newton Hospital, is to be Miss Ross, assistant and the Therapeutic Dietitian in Palmer.

Housekeeping

We are happy to welcome two new supervisors in our Department. Miss Cross, who is working from Palmer Office, and Mrs. Quinn, who is working at Harris Hall.

Michael Mazgelis, who is on a leave of absence, received his twenty-year service pin after the Christmas Party and was very proud and happy to receive it. Good luck, Mike.

Frank Maguire has recently been a patient in Palmer. We hope he will soon be well again and back on the job.

We were delighted to have Eva Xiachos back with us after a six weeks' absence, during which she was hospitalized in the Palmer Unit.

Laboratories

Did you read in the newspapers that Dr. Warren has been appointed to the National Advisory Cancer Council? He attended meetings in Washington on February 17th and 18th.

A relatively old member of Pathology is Dr. P. N. Wahi, who will be with us for six months. Dr. Wahi is Professor of Pathology at Agra Medical College in India and is one of a group studying in the United States under the auspices of the Indian Government.

Dr. Beatty Ramsay has transferred his attentions to the Overholt Clinic. His place with us has been taken by Dr. Max G. Carter.

Mabel Mayhew Couper and young son, enroute to Washington, D. C., called on us. Both were well and very happy.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Norma Badger to Frank V. Ferri, on Friday, February 7th.

Laundry

The Laundry Managers' meeting, which was held here, was a great success. We feel sure that our Laundry made a very good impression, and Mr. Emery was sincerely congratulated for his efficient management. At the conclusion of the business meeting and addresses, the group adjourned to Harris Hall for refreshments. The center of attraction on the beautifully decorated table was the birthday cake — signifying the tenth birthday of this organization.

Good luck, Connie, on your new venture — the role of housewife.

Many employees have expressed the opinion that their uniforms have shrunk with the use of synthetic soap. Tests, approved by the American Institute of Laundering, show that this is not the cause. Cotton and linen fabrics will shrink when washed, unless they have been preshrunk by the manufacturer.

Nursing

Our best wishes to Mrs. Lexie Miller Hazlett, former night supervisor, on her recent marriage in New York.

Miss Miriam Hinckley, head nurse on Palmer three, is replacing Miss Helen Hastings, who has resigned to be married.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth MacPherson Heath on the birth of a baby girl on February 19th. Mrs. Heath was formerly head nurse on Deaconess 2.

The Deaconess Alumnae sponsored their second dance at the Sheraton. Proceeds will go toward the Alumnae Scholarship awarded the outstanding student in the graduating class. Watch for the announcement of the next formal!

Pharmacy

The Pharmacy was well represented at the Deaconess Alumnae Dance. Mr. Chamberlin, Charlie Schraub, Rena Efstathiou and Lee Nardi were all present with their partners. We hear that Mr. Chamberlin cuts quite a figure on the dance floor.

We were glad to welcome Kay O'Leary back after her week's illness.

The wedding of Bill Martin and Helen McNulty was held on February 15th. John Keefe acted as chauffeur and represented the Pharmacy and Purchasing Departments. The wedding breakfast which followed the ceremony was held at the Lobster Claw, and the couple then left for New York on their wedding trip.

Record Rooms

Kay Redman, former Palmer Record Room Secretary, has a new daughter — born Sunday, February 16th.

Dorene Thompson is back from basking in the Florida sunshine for three weeks. During her stay, she also managed to include a day's flight to Cuba.

Olga Yaruth is back at work, after a week's absence taken while her mother was ill in the hospital.

Lydia DeMatteo was a recent visitor. She seems very happy in her new work with Dr. George.

Social Service

We are happy to welcome to this department our two new co-workers: Mrs. Zelda Futterman, as medical social worker; and Miss Betty Downey, secretary, who is assisting in medical follow-up work.

Staff Notes

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Overholt left, on February 27th, for a three months' trip to Brazil. They plan to combine business and pleasure, as Dr. Overholt is to give several lectures as well as visit many hospitals.

A daughter, Ann, was born on January 26th, to Dr. and Mrs. Francis M. Ingersoll. Dr. Ingersoll is on the Palmer Staff and the Palmer Tumor Clinic Staff.

Bowling

Bowling took on a new interest when Dr. Cook appeared one evening for a short visit, but took time to bowl a string with us. The attendance has steadily increased and teams have been formed of groups showing comparatively the same averages. The competition is keen and the number is slowly increasing — any "new-comer" becoming a "regular" after their first night.

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